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No. 273.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE now showing a Large and Varied Assortment of
TOYS.

Comprising:
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DOLLS.
NOVELTIES IN MECHANICAL TOYS.
NEW BRICKS AND PUZZLES.
AUTOMATIC CHARIOTS AND WAGONS.
ROCKING AND SPRING HORSES.
CUBES AND MOSAIC-BUILDING SETS.
DRUMS, CYMBALS, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
CHILDREN'S TEA AND TETE A TETE SETS.
PERCUSSION GUNS AND RIFLES.
SWORDS AND HAPPY FAMILIES.
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS IN VARIETY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq.,.....LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,
LO YOK MOON, Esq.,.....CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.,

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [501]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1882.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1882. [457]

NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95
TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.
H. DE C. FORESTER, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINKVOSSE, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.,

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Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the world.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. MAX CARL JOHANN GROTE has been Authorized to Sign Our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 21st November, 1882. [772]

WANTED.

AN ENGAGEMENT, either as BOOKKEEPER or GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a Gentleman, who has a few hours during the day, disengaged, and whose full office hours (if required) arrangements might be made with a few days notice. Good references. Salary no object.

Apply to
Case of this Office.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [743]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. GUEDES has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,
the 15th December, 1882, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., at the Premises,—
A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate in Wing Lok Street and Honham Strand, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, comprising:—

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 158, containing in the whole 1,400 square feet or thereabouts, together with the Two Substantial and well built TENEMENTS and SHOPS thereon known as No. 101, Wing Lok Street, and No. 113, Honham Strand, as the said Premises are held for the residue of a term of 98 years subject to the payment of the rent and the performance of the Covenants in the Crown Lease of the said Premises reserved and contained.

The Property is Sold subject to the existing lettings thereof respectively.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagee,
35, Queen's Road, Hongkong,

or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [793]

To be Let.

TO LET.

PARSEE VILLA (5 Rooms), Robinson Road, also A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. Both the above HOUSES have Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel,
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [782]

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
ately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 15th November, 1882. [74]

STORAGE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to take Goods on STORAGE at their GODOWNS. Entrance from Praya and Queen's Road Central. TERMS MODERATE.

Apply to

ROSE & Co.,
31 and 33, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 30th June, 1882. [266]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

TWO INTERMEDIATE LENGTHS OF SCREW SHAFTING 15 feet 8 inches long by 9 1/2 Diameter.

ALSO
1 SCREW SHAFT cased and finished complete with Brass Bushes 19 feet 4 inches long by 9 1/2 Diameter. Suitable for Steamer of 120 to 150 Horse-power N.H.

Apply for Terms, &c.

To W. HARRIS,
Shipwright,
Swatow, 6th December, 1882. [796]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

A FIRST CLASS SADDLE by Davis & Co. London, the property of a Gentleman leaving the Colony. Almost New, and will be sold cheap. Can be seen at the

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1882. [788]

TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

1 Set of CAPE HARNESS (Brass Mounts) with Pole (Brest Plates).
1 Silksided RACING SADDLE.
RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE and will be sold a BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [726]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.
FIFTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to

MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.
DAVID CORSAIR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY NAVY BOILED LONG FLAX.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

CHS. J. GAUPP & CO.
CHRONOMETER WATCH, AND CLOCK-MAKERS,
JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

SOLE AGENTS
for Louis Audemont's Watches; awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPTICAL GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES.

No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

Intimations.

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS, ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

JUST RECEIVED.

TRANSLATIONS OF ZOLA'S NOVELS, INCLUDING POT BOUILLE, NANA, L'ASSOMMOIR.

Balzac's Droll Stories.
Haswell's Engineers' Pocket Book.
Miss Bird's Travels in Japan, Cheap. ed.
Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms.
Ingersoll's Lectures, "Ghosts," "Gods," &c., &c.
Ruskin's Works complete, in 15 vols.
The Royal Romances.

Gems of English Song.
Silver Wreath.
Musical Treasure.
Organ at Home.

Gems of Strauss.
Pianists' Album.
Wreath of Gems.
Silver Chord.

Gems of Scottish Song.
Gems of Waldeufel.
World of Song.
Pianoforte Gems.

MASON AND HAMLIN'S BABY ORGANS.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [703]

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS,

1882-1883.

NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER.

ROSE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NOVELTIES FOR THE SEASON.

BARBOTINE WARE.
ELEGANTLY DESIGNED CLOCKS.
VASES, JARDINERS, LANDSCAPE PAINTED PLATES.

TOILET SETS, &c.

PLUSH GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY.

NECESSAIRES, WORK BOXES.
CABINETS, PHOTO FRAMES, MIRRORS.

WALL AND CORNER BRACKETS AND WATCH STANDS.
TABLE COVERS, GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.

GRAPHOSCOPES, OLIVE WOOD WARE, BAGS AND BASKETS.
BEADED BED SETS, BRACKET HEAD WORK AND BANNER SCREENS.

LETTER AND CARD CASES, BRONZES.
PERFUME SATCHETS, ALBUMS.

NOVELTIES IN ELECTRO PLATED WARE.
THE MACKINNON PEN.

OLEOGRAPHS, PRINTS.

BROOCHES, EARRINGS,
NECKLACES, STUDS, SOLITAIRES.

SCARF PINS AND RINGS.

A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF TOYS.
SKIN ROCKING HORSES.

MECHANICAL TOYS.

MUSICAL TOYS.

DOLLS IN GREAT VARIETY, FRENCH AND ENGLISH.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

BOY BOY COSAQUES AND CONFECTIONERY.
WOOL WORK SLIPPERS, CUSHIONS, OTTOMAN COVERS, &c.

LADIES' SUPERIOR FRENCH KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 BUTTONS.
GENTS' 2 BUTTON KID GLOVES \$1 PER PAIR.

PARISIAN MANTLES, SEALSKIN MANTLES, CAPES, AND MANTLE TRIMMING.
CHRISTY'S FELT HATS. HOSIERY.

NOVELTIES IN GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS.
STATIONERY AND PERFUMERY.

LOCKYEAR'S HAIR RESTORER.
FRENCH POLISH FOR BOOTS.

COATINGS, TROWSERINGS, SUITINGS, AND ULSTER CLOTHS.

TRAVELLING TRUNKS AND BAGS.

MUSIC, GIFT BOOKS, TOY BOOKS, &c.

A FIRST CLASS MAGIC LANTERN AND SLIDES FOR LOAN ON HIRE.

OUR DRESSMAKING AND MILLINERY DEPARTMENTS ARE UNDER GOOD MANAGEMENT; TERMS MODERATE.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,
37 & 39, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG. [379]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, AT 45 CENTS PER YARD.

LADIES FUR-LINED COATS from \$12 to \$80 EACH.

CLOTH AND MALASSE DOLMANS, MANTLES, AND JACKETS, IN NEWEST SHAPES.

NOVELTIES DIRECT FROM PARIS IN
MOIRE, BROCHE, OTTOMAN, AND SURAT DRESS SILKS.

LADIES SILK AND SPUN SILK HOSE IN EVERY COLOUR.

KID GLOVES, -2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 BUTTONS.

NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, AND CLASP KID GLOVES.

INFANTS', CHILDREN'S AND LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882.

"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

TOYS AND NOVELTIES

IN
ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICAN GOODS,
VERY SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Just Opened
NEW NOVELS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,
BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,
RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS,
PICKWICK PAPERS,

AND
A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,
Manager. [661]

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
15TH AND 16TH DECEMBER, 1882.

PATRON:
HIS EXCELLENCY W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

VICE-PATRONS:
HIS EXCELLENCY VICE-ADMIRAL
WILLES, C.B., R.N.

HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL
SARGENT, C.B.

THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILIPPO, KNT.
COMMODORE W. H. CUMING, R.N.

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Hon. F. B. JOHNSON,
C. V. SMITH, Esq.,
McIVER, Esq.,
W. M. DEANE, Esq.,
H. G. THOMSETT, Esq.,
R.N.

Lieut.-Col. PAPILLON,
R.E.
Captain R. E. TRACY,
H.M.S. "Iron Duke,"
Lieut.-Col. HOBSON,
"The Buffs."

H. HOPPIUS, Esq.,
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J. P. MCEVEN, Esq., R.N.,
AND
H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq.,
UMPIRES AND STARTERS:

W. HYNES, Esq.,
E. L. WOODIN, Esq.,
E. BEART, Esq.,
E. BURNIE, Esq.,
JUDGE OF SAILING RACES:
Commander J. G. JONES, R.N.

FIRST DAY,
FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1882.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
"JUNIOR SCULLS." For Single Pair Sculling

Boats. Entrance, \$5. Distance, One Mile.

Prize: "Brokers' Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
FOR GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Outriggers Boats excluded.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
THE "CHAIRMAN'S CUP." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile and a Half. Entrance, \$10.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time allowed for Oars, —8 seconds per Oar.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
"GERMAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
FOR HOUSE BOATS and/or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
LADIES' PURSE. For Eight-Oared Outrigged Gigs. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
CANOE RACE. Paddling. Distance, Half-a-mile. Entrance, \$2.

SAILING RACE.
FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S BOATS, any rig. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

SAILING RACE.
FOR SAILING SHIPS' BOATS only. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.
FOR ALL YACHTS. Entrance, \$5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

SECOND DAY,
SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1882.

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.

FOR GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outriggers Boats excluded.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

INTERNATIONAL RACE. "Challenge Cup."—For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Won last year by the English. Entrance, \$10.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.

FOR HOUSE BOATS and/or GIGS PULLED BY CHINAMEN. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

"AMERICAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

FOR PAIR OARED OUTRIGGER GIGS. "Cathay Cup," presented by Hon. F. B. JOHNSON. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5. Winner of Ladies' Purse excluded.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.

TO BE ROWED IN 5 OR 6-OARED ROYAL NAVAL GIGS OR WHALERS, BY OFFICERS OF H.M.'S Fleet in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Time for Oars,—6 seconds per Oar.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.

"MEMBERS' CUP."—presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

SAILING RACE.

FOR ALL CANOES. Entrance, \$2.

SAILING RACE.

FOR ALL OPEN BOATS. Chinamen excluded. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.

FOR ALL YACHTS. Entrance, \$5. Handicap. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

N.B.—Entries for races 2, 4, 6, and 8 (First Day) 1, 3, 5, and 7 (Second Day) will close on Monday, 11th December, at 6 p.m. and must be sent in in writing to the Hon. Secretary giving name of boat, colour, number of oars, &c.

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR CARDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

INSPECTION is invited of our Collection of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS which have been carefully Selected in London from the Stocks of various makers.

THEY INCLUDE CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS FROM

MARCUS WARD AND DE LA RUE,

HAND PAINTINGS

ON

CARD, IVORY, OAK AND IVORINE

AND

OTHER NOVELTIES.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

CHEMISTS, PERFUMERS, &c.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

BIRTH.

At Stockwell Cottage, Kowloon, on the 7th inst., the Wife of J. S. NAZER, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1882.

From the number of measures brought before the Legislative Council on Tuesday last under the direct auspices of the principal law officer of the Crown in the Colony, it would appear that the very unsatisfactory state of many of our ordinances has at last forced itself on the attention of the legal authorities. Several of the Bills introduced by Mr. RUSSELL, acting for the Attorney General, must be regarded in the light of decided improvements, and in one instance, at least, the Bill which arranges for the whole power in issuing distrains for rent being vested in the Supreme Court, will abolish a most iniquitous system of abuses which has, in past times, pressed very hardly on the poorer classes. Assuming from these legislative reforms that our law officers have at last determined on gradually weeding out the absurdities which are certainly the reverse of creditable to the administration of justice in Hongkong, we are emboldened to direct the attention of their Honours the Chief Justice and Puisne Judge, and the Attorney General, to the very unsatisfactory manner in which bills of costs in connection with criminal proceedings and actions at law are made out and taxed. We have no hesitation whatever in affirming that the manner in which bills of costs are made out and taxed in this Colony, is a standing disgrace to the administration of justice; and as we shall at once proceed to prove the absolute truth of that assertion, we feel justified in calling upon the law officers, or, in default of them, His Excellency the Administrator, to remedy a state of things which unfairly and prejudicially affects the best interests of the community, and is, in fact, nothing more nor less than a byresque on our legal code. Our experiences of this subject are personal, so, apart altogether from journalistic privileges, and the public interest, we have a peculiar right to be heard in denouncing a system, the application of which is so anomalous, that even the law officers of the Crown seem unable to comprehend either the meaning or intention of the Ordinance.

It will be remembered that, in connection with the libel action Wickham v. FRASER-SMITH, heard in the Summary Jurisdiction Court in August 1881, Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES, the eminent firm of solicitors who represented Mr. Wickham,

sent in a bill of costs totalling the extraordinary sum of \$944.10. On taxation, this amount was reduced to \$354.10. Further comment on what in ordinary business life would have been regarded as a monstrous attempt at extortion, is quite unnecessary, as lawyers are privileged to indulge in sharp practices of every description with impunity, and these elaborately drawn out bills of costs are merely a trick of the trade, which the public are supposed to be thoroughly acquainted with. As a companion picture to the wonderfully artistic *chef-d'œuvre* of Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES (Q. v. Hongkong Telegraph, September 17th, 1881), we have now the pleasure of publishing a charming *littledoux*, compiled by that equally eminent combination of legal talent known as Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON, as the last act in the celebrated serio-comic drama represented by Mr. DANIEL EDWARD BANDMANN, THE EXHIBIT TRAGEDIAN, and the Editor of the Telegraph, in the Supreme Court last July. The document runs as follows:—

In the Supreme Court of Hongkong. Criminal Jurisdiction. REGINA v. ROBERT FRASER-SMITH. Costs of Prosecution. 29th June, 1882.	
Attending on receipt of copy Pleas of justification put in by the Defendant. Attending Counsel in consultation thereon when he considered it prudent to demur to the Pleas. Paid Counsel his fee	\$1.00 2.00 25.00
July 1st.	
Drawing and Engrossing application for summons for leave to strike out or amend Pleas	2.00
Drawing and Engrossing summons. Attending to file application and issue summons	2.00 1.00
Copy summons and service on Defendant	1.50
Attending to return Original to Judge's Clerk	1.00
Drawing and Engrossing affidavit in support, 2 fols.	2.00
Attending to return Original to Judge's Clerk	1.50
Drawing Brief and copy for Counsel to attend	1.25
Copy documents to annex, 12 fols.	3.00
Attending Counsel therewith	3.00
Paid him his Brief fee	25.00
July 3rd.	
Attending Court on summons when Defendant withdrew his Plea and undertook to file a fresh one to-day; leave given the plaintiff to reply and demur to the Pleas; adjourned to the 6th instant at 10.30 a.m.	2.00
Attending on receipt of New Plea	1.00
Attending Mr. Bandmann thereon and conferring	1.00
Copy amended Plea for Counsel to draw	0.75
Replication, 3 fols.	2.00
Attending Mr. McKean therewith	2.00
July 5th.	
Attending Mr. McKean when he handed us draft Replication settled	2.00
Paid him his fee	25.00
Engrossing Replication to file, 3 fols.	0.75
Attending filing Replication	1.00
Copy Replication and service on Defendant	1.75
July 6th.	
Attending Court on adjourned summons for leave to strike out or amend Plea when Trial fixed for the 18th instant	2.00
Paid Mr. McKean's fees	25.00
July 14th.	
Attending Mr. Bandmann who, in consequence of Mr. Fraser-Smith having pleaded justification, desired the assistance of another Counsel and taking instructions to retain Mr. J. J. Francis as Counsel in consequence thereof	1.00
Drawing Retainer Docket and copy	1.25
Attending him therewith	2.00
Paid his fee	25.00
July 17th.	
Instructions for Brief for Counsel on Trial	4.00
Drawing same and copy for Mr. McKean, 4 fols.	3.50
Copy documents to annex, 43 fols.	10.75
Attending Mr. McKean therewith	2.00
Paid him his Brief fee	300.00
Drawing Brief for Mr. Francis and copy	1.25
Copy documents to annex, 47 fols.	11.75
Attending him therewith and making appointment for consultation	2.00
Paid him his Brief fee	150.00
Attending Mr. McKean with appointment for consultation	2.00
Attending afterwards on both counsel in consultation on case	3.00
Paid Mr. Francis his fee on consultation	25.00
Paid Mr. McKean his fee on consultation	25.00
Drawing and Engrossing Preamble for subpoena	1.25
Drawing and Engrossing subpoena to Mr. H. A. Woolnough and issuing	2.00
Copy subpoena and service on Mr. Woolnough	1.00
Attending to Lodge Original subpoena in Court	1.00
July 18th.	
Attending Court all day on Trial when same adjourned until to-morrow	6.00
July 19th.	
Attending Court all day on adjourned Trial when case closed and the Judge postponed the summing up until to-morrow at 11 a.m.	6.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. Francis	100.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. McKean	75.00
July 20th.	
Attending Court when the Judge summed up and the Jury gave a verdict of guilty against Defendant and sentence reserved until this day	6.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. Francis	100.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. McKean	50.00
July 27th.	
Attending Court when sentence passed of a month's imprisonment	6.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. Francis	50.00
Paid Refresher to Mr. McKean	25.00
31st August.	
Drawing Costs, 12 fols.	6.50
Making 3 copies for taxation, 25 fols.	9.00
Attending the Registrar with copy and for appointment to tax	1.00
Attending the Defendant with copy costs	1.00
Drawing Notice to tax copy and service on Defendant	1.50
Attending taxing	2.00
	\$1,054.95

After a careful perusal of the above, it is only fair to Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON to state that their bill of costs is a far superior article to that produced on the previous occasion, already alluded to, by Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES. The charges of the last named firm in the inferior court amounted to \$444.10 (including an error in addition of \$200), whilst Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON's costs, exclusive of barristers' fees, only totalled \$129. That, however, in the legal profession is only a mere difference of detail, which need not be further commented on, so we can now proceed to devote some little attention to the bill of costs in BANDMANN v. FRASER-SMITH.

By section 8 of 6 and 7 Victoria, better known as Lord CAMPBELL's Act, it is laid down, that in the case of any indictment or information by a private prosecutor for the publication of any defamatory libel, and that upon a special plea of justification to such indictment or information, if the issue be found for the prosecutor, he shall be entitled to recover from the defendant the costs sustained by the prosecutor by reason of such plea, such costs to be recovered by the proper officer of the Court before which the said indictment or information is tried. In the case now under notice, the issue was found for the prosecutor, who thus became entitled by the Act we have just quoted, to his taxed costs sustained through the special plea of justification. The question of costs in the Supreme Court of Hongkong is, or perhaps it would be more correct to say was, regulated by Ordinance 14 of 1856. By that Ordinance the fees allowed to solicitors for the performance of the various duties connected with their business are plainly stated, so that so far as the minor items of a bill of costs are concerned, there should be no necessity for the gross overcharges which are so conspicuous in this particular description of account. The references to barristers' fees are not so clearly stated as ought to be the case, yet, to the ordinary non-legal mind, the Ordinance is sufficiently explicit to cause the exorbitant charges set down in bills of costs as brief fees, retainers, refreshers, &c., to be regarded with astonishment. The taxing officer is invested almost with full powers in dealing with these matters, subject only to an appeal to the judges.

When the amount of the bill of costs printed above was mentioned to a gentleman, who is probably the most accomplished lawyer in the Colony, he remarked, "If it is a thousand dollars you ought to pay about seven hundred"—and, these figures, we understand, generally represent the proportionate reduction resulting from official taxations. Another well-known lawyer to whom we showed the imposing document, told us with a genial laugh, and without a moment's hesitation, that it would most certainly be reduced at least one half, at the same time pointing out that the fees charged for a second counsel would most certainly be disallowed. In due course the bill was taxed, and, after a desperate struggle, was reduced to the extent of the magnificent sum of \$75—a result, we have not the slightest hesitation in saying, unprecedented in the legal history of Hongkong. The reductions made were \$10 from Mr. McKean's fee on July 5th, \$15 from the same gentleman's fee on July 17th, \$25 from the "refresher" of the 19th, and \$25 from Mr. FRANCIS's "refresher" on the 20th. The sum of \$75 was charged for taxing, and the total amount of the taxed bill fixed at \$98.25. As this result contrasted most wonderfully with the legal opinions we had elicited, an appeal from the taxing officer's decision was at once made to the Chief Justice, which, however, proved quite ineffective, Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS sustaining the taxation of Mr. ACKROYD. We have no means of knowing on what grounds the taxing officer maintained the charges, which were objected to, and to which we will presently allude; and still less are we able to comprehend, in the face of the Ordinance, how the Chief Justice could in law and equity approve of his subordinate's ruling. However, we are not lawyers, and we are not supposed to be experts in defining the true meaning of the English language when applied to matters legal.

We need only deal briefly with Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON's bill of costs. The solicitors' charges, compared with most cases, appear exceedingly moderate, and yet they are undoubtedly in excess of what is allowed by Ordinance 14 of 1856. It will be noticed that for copying documents, charges are made ranging from twenty five to over fifty cents per folio. According to the Ordinance, for engrossing, &c., 18 cents per folio is allowed, and, to quote the exact words—"for making copies to serve, or for the opposite party, or fair copies, per folio 15 cents." Messrs. BRERETON and WOTTON's charges were objected to, nevertheless the taxing master over-ruled the objection. This item is only a very small one; but when it is considered that this description of manual labour

is performed by Portuguese clerks who receive something about \$15 per month, and remembered that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Civil Service only pay writers, who have previously passed a qualifying examination, at the rate of three half-pence per folio of 100 words—a very different thing from a lawyer's mode of calculation—it is just as well to direct attention to a matter which certainly requires amendment. To issue an ordinary subpoena, it will be observed, costs the sum of \$5.25. However, the real objections raised referred to the extraordinary amounts charged as barristers' fees and refreshers. Out of a total of \$1054.25, the barristers' fees amounted to \$925, Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, although engaged only three days before the trial, being credited with \$450. We contended that if Mr. BANDMANN desired the luxury of a second counsel, he ought to pay for that luxury, and in support of this contention we quoted the Ordinance, which says:—"No fee to be allowed to a junior counsel in any case except upon good grounds shown to the satisfaction of the taxing master." Where, we ask, were the good grounds in a case which was practically undefended, inasmuch as the defendant had no legal assistance whatsoever? Either the Ordinance is a delusion and a snare, or this was clearly a case where a second counsel ought not to have been allowed. What part did the junior counsel play in the trial? He never once opened his mouth excepting on one occasion to explain that his leader was detained at tiffin and would return in a few minutes, and for this extraordinary display of legal eloquence, he is allowed by a Hongkong judge and a Hongkong taxing master, in the face of an Ordinance which distinctly states that good grounds for the employment of a second counsel must be shown, the sum of \$475. The clause in the bill of costs which sets out that on July 14th Mr. BANDMANN, in consequence of the defendant having pleaded justification, desired the assistance of another counsel, is a piece of barefaced humbug, of too superficial a character to have deceived anybody. As a matter of fact, the defendant had pleaded justification on June 29th, so it took Mr. BANDMANN over a fortnight to discover that this plea necessitated his requiring the assistance of another barrister. On July 14th a rumour was current in the Colony that Mr. FRASER-SMITH intended at the last moment to retain the services of Mr. FRANCIS; this rumour reached the ears of the taxing officer, and as Mr. FRANCIS was the only available barrister in the Colony with any practical experience of libel cases, the necessity for an additional counsel, owing to the stale pretence of a plea of justification, was immediately invented—and we know the rest. The Ordinance says:—"The fee payable to the sole or leading counsel at the hearing of a cause or any other proceeding, either at law or equity, shall be at least \$25." In the libel trial this clause is taken to mean that the leading counsel is entitled—apart from his brief and other fees—to \$250, and his junior to \$150; a somewhat free rendering, we consider, of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the gentleman who compiled the statute. The Ordinance also says:—"The fee payable to each junior counsel (where such is allowed) is not to exceed two thirds of the fee allowed to his senior counsel at any consultation or conference, or in any proceeding before the Court, and whether at law, or in equity or elsewhere." And yet the junior counsel in BANDMANN v. FRASER-SMITH is allowed by the taxing officer, and the taxing officer's decision is supported by the Chief Justice, to receive in all consultations exactly the same fee as his senior, and, what appears stranger of all, a brief fee of \$200, whilst the leading counsel is only set down for \$150. Either our Ordinances are mere burlesques on justice, as we have already suggested, or the elastic constructions placed on them by the taxing officer and his Honour the Chief Justice are far beyond ordinary comprehension. To again quote Ordinance 14 of 1856:—"Refreshers are not to exceed the rate of one half the amount allowed for the original fees, yet so as that in no case the fee payable as a refresher shall be less than \$5." The notion of a \$5 "refresher" is positively refreshing to think of. The refreshers paid to the learned barristers in the bill of costs we have been reviewing, amount to the comfortable sum of \$400.

Notwithstanding the decision of the taxing officer, and the views of the Chief Justice, we contend, basing our argument on Ordinance 14 of 1856, that no second counsel should have been allowed. In the libel case BANDMANN v. FRASER-SMITH, and that the whole of the barristers' fees are grossly exorbitant. In no similar instance has there ever been a second counsel allowed in Hongkong; nay, we will go further and say that, in the legal history of Great Britain, there is not a libel case on record in which more than one barrister was allowed where the defendant was, as

in this case, unrepresented by counsel. Moreover, in the Ordinance we have quoted it is clearly laid down that no second counsel was to be allowed except on good grounds. The pretence set down in the bill of costs can best be described by the expressive word frivolous. It is the rule in England to allow counsel according to the number of witnesses called, and no doubt Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS's decision was based on this practice, but its application to Hongkong is simply ridiculous, apart from its being directly opposed both to the letter and spirit of the local Ordinance. Space will not permit us to further expatiate on what we consider most extraordinary and unwarranted proceedings; but we must perforce briefly allude to one other matter of detail. When the verdict of the jury was delivered, Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS remarked that he would not then pass sentence, as he wished to give the defendant time to file affidavits in extenuation, &c., and postponed the matter for a week. His Lordship made this postponement appear as a concession to the defendant. A reference to the bill of costs will show that His Lordship also sanctioned a charge of \$81 being made for this "wonderful concession."

We think we have shown that the laws of the Supreme Court with regard to costs, taxing, &c., are the reverse of satisfactory. Our own experiences of their eccentric working, and the still more eccentric mode in which they are applied, have been somewhat costly; but if they should prove the means of forcing the adoption of an intelligible statute, with the fees plainly defined, we shall not have suffered in vain. We may find something else to say on the matter by and bye.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A PRINTING machine is now being built in New York which will "take off" 200,000 impressions in an hour.

A Miss Buchanan, once rallying her cousin, an officer, on his courage, said, "Now, Mr. Harry, do you really mean to tell me you can walk to a cannon's mouth without fear?" "Yes," was the prompt reply, "or a Buchanan's either." And he did it.

At an auction in London, some weeks since, several hundred copies of an aspiring work of travel, published in 1878 at two guineas, were sold, new and uncut, at an average of two-pence half-penny each. If the paper had not been printed on it would have gone at two shillings a copy.

An American editor thus advertises his missing hat: "The gentleman who inadvertently took our new beaver, and left an inferior article in its stead, will do us infinite kindness by returning ours, and he shall receive our warmest thanks and two apologies—an apology for the trouble we have given him, and the 'apology for a hat' he has left us."

It is said that when Prince Eugene went to consult the Duke of Marlborough, in his tent, the night before the great battle of Blenheim, the Duke, with his characteristic parsimony and attention to little, in the midst of great things, snuffed out two of the five candles that were burning on the table, and said, "We can talk without so much light."

Who can say that printers are not great travellers—at least with their hands? A good printer will set 8,000 ems a day, or about 24,000 letters. The distance travelled by his hand will average about one foot per letter; going to the boxes in which they are contained and returning make two feet every letter he sets. This would show a distance each day of 48,000 feet, or a little over nine miles, and in the course of the year, leaving out Sundays, that useful member travels about 3,000 miles.

THE following is an old story:—"I say, cap'n," cried a little keen-eyed man, as he landed from a steamer at Natchez; "I say, cap'n, these here aren't all. I've left somethin' on board, that's a fact." "Them's all the plunder you brought on board, anyhow," answered the captain. "Wal, I see now; I grant it's O. K. according to list: four boxes, three chests, two band-boxes, and portmanteau; two hams, one part cut, three ropes of lynch, and a tea kettle. But see, cap'n, I'm dubious; I feel there's somethin' short, tho' I've counted 'em nine times over, and never took my eyes off 'em while on board; there's somethin' not right, somehow." "Wal, stranger, time's up; them's all I know of; so just fetch your wife and five children out of the cabin, 'cos I'm off." "Them's um? Darn it, them's um? I know'd I'd forget somethin'!"

At a quarter to six this morning, an enterprising hawk was found in an empty house in Old Bailey Street, belonging to Mr. Da Silva, clerk in the Audit Office. Upon the cooie who first spotted the hawk shouting when he saw him, the peripatetic tried to strike him with a chisel he had in his hand, but assistance arriving the fellow was secured and passed on to a constable. Certain brass arrangements which, before the hawk's appearance, in the unoccupied domicile, were secured to a wall, were found lying upon the floor ready to be carried off by the early-up one. Mr. Silva, upon examining the house, to which he rushed upon hearing the howl caused by the capture of the bird, found a small door leading from the front garden to the house broken open in a manner such as could be effected by the chisel. A shutter was also found broken, where it had been forced back by the hawk. In his energetic, though fruitless efforts to escape from the place in which he had voluntarily caught himself, the peripatetic's intention that the cooie, his friend, "let him into the house," had not the slightest influence with Captain Thomson, who sentenced him to six months' hard labor.

A REGULAR Lodge of United Service, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening at 7.30 for 8 o'clock, precisely.

A LODGE of Emergency of Zetland, No. 225, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Tuesday evening next, the 12th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

"A FRIEND" has forwarded us \$5 for the benefit of the two children of the late Captain Kantwell. Any further sums will be gladly received and acknowledged. The case is a really deservingly one.

It will be seen in our advertising column, says the *Amoy Gazette*, that during the temporary absence of Mr. R. J. Forrest from this port, Mr. Michie Fraser, will have charge of H.B.M.'s Consulate.

THE new Grand Sheriff of Mecca, Aoun Refik, is said to be a quiet, refined, and highly-educated man, entirely free from religious fanaticism. It is rather difficult to understand the appointment of such a man to govern a turbulent populace like that gathered together at Mecca.

ACCORDING to *Nature*, artificial ivory of a pure white colour, and very durable, has recently been manufactured by the inventor of Celluloid. It is prepared by dissolving shellac in ammonia, mixing the solution with oxide of zinc, driving off ammonia by heating, powdering, and strongly compressing in moulds.

MISS KATE DOCKING, a lady who hangs out in Graham Street, charged her chair-cooler this morning at the Police Court with leaving her service yesterday without giving reasonable notice. After a patient investigation of the case, Captain Thomson, being unable to view the matter from the Docking standpoint, discharged the defendants. Imputations of assault and counter-assault cropped up in the evidence.

IN the case *Marty v. Souza*, \$50, at the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Holmes, who appeared for the defendant, Mr. J. J. de Souza, of the (late) firm of De Souza & Co., applied for stay of execution, as a petition in bankruptcy had been filed by the defendant. Mr. Holmes said the schedules would be filed to-morrow or Monday. Mr. Justice Snowden stayed execution accordingly.

A MEETING of the General Committee of the Masonic Hall will be held in the Freemasons' Hall at 5 p.m. to-day, to consider the decision arrived at as to the date of the ball. We understand that the cricketers who intend going to Amoy about the 7th of January are desirous that the ball should be put off until their return, and suggest that the 1st of February would be a convenient fixture. It is also urged that many of our Amoy Masonic friends would like to attend the ball, but owing to the Amoy Races being fixed for the 8th, 9th, and 10th January, they are unable to be here on the 11th. No doubt these suggestions will receive due consideration from the General Committee.

SOME weeks ago, observes the *Albion*, we stated our intention of printing a considerable mass of correspondence throwing light upon the life of Lord Byron. Since this announcement was made we have received an intimation that the publication of these letters would be distasteful to several members of the Leigh and Byron families. This is somewhat surprising, for, as we mentioned, the effect of publishing the correspondence—and a further examination confirms the opinion we expressed—would be to prove the groundlessness of the horrible suggestions made public in 1866, and we should have supposed that the representatives of the Leigh family would have desired to see Mrs. Leigh's memory cleared of the aspersions of Mrs. Becher Stowe. There is nothing in the documents that does not redound to the credit of Lord Byron and his sister, still, as we wish as far as may be to defer to the wishes of their relatives, we shall not for the present take further steps in the matter.

SIR GARNET WOLESELEY, writing of the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, says:—"After a trial of an exceptionally severe kind, both in movements and in attack, I can emphatically say that I never wish to have under my orders better infantry battalions than those who I am proud to have commanded at Tel-el-Kebir." Just so, observes the *Indian Daily News*, "That last sentence of Sir Garnet is neatly rounded off, and sounds remarkably well, but all the same, it is terribly absurd. The mere fact that Sir Garnet Woleseley could write it in his public despatch shows that he has the profoundest contempt for the perception and judgment of the English public. Considering that he had under him in his infantry the Guards and Scotch Highland, and Irish battalions, besides the Madras and special corps from India, it would be difficult for him to find anywhere in England, at all events, a more military battalion than his Commanded in the Egyptian night. It would have been better for his reputation by-and-by if he had omitted that particularly misleading and ill-advised piece of justification. He had under him the very choicest troops that England could produce, and he speaks of them as if they were an ordinary sample of the English army, and as if such troops were, by common repute, inferior to some other troops. Sir Garnet has indignantly referred to 'No doubt Sir Garnet Woleseley was under the necessity of saying a word for the short service system; but before he could venture safely upon that subject, it would be necessary for him to show the average length of service of the men in each regiment, the words which other battalions suffered to make up the field regiments to war strength, and above all the average age of the men of the infantry.' Sir Garnet Woleseley's force was altogether so exceptionally formed that it is a pure throwing dust in the eyes of the public to write of troops of his force as if it were in any sense composed of ordinary material of the British army. Sir Garnet Woleseley, and Sir Garnet Woleseley, the English public are in danger of being misled by the belief that the army which fought at Tel-el-Kebir is a representative force of the English army generally."

An accident which might have been attended with serious results occurred shortly after two o'clock this afternoon at the buildings in course of construction in Wyndham Street, near the corner of Wellington Street. Some four or five tons of bricks were placed upon the joists, about to be removed from the ground, in one of the unfinished buildings when, the joists giving way, through the very imperfect manner in which they were fixed in the walls, the superincumbent mass came down with a crash, injuring a woman, three men and a boy, who, fortunately, escaped serious damage, the woman appearing to have fared the worst, as we saw her shortly afterwards at the Central Station washing her head, which appeared to be cut in several places, and bled freely. Had anyone happened to have been immediately underneath the bulk of the bricks as they fell, we do not see how they could have escaped being either killed or seriously injured. We would draw the attention of the Government to the apparently very frail structure of the walls of the brick houses in course of construction there, the workmanship appearing to be very defective. Indeed, we should be afraid to trust our sacred person inside such feeble tenements.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders was held at the head office, Peddar Street, this afternoon, for the purpose of confirming the special resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 22nd ultimo, which was as follows:—
"That the capital of the Society be increased to \$2,500,000 by increasing the value of the existing shares to \$5,000 per share."
There were present—Hon. P. Ryrie (Chairman), Messrs. H. Hopkiss, F. D. Sassoon, H. D. Dalrymple, W. H. F. Darby, Hon. F. B. Johnson (Directors), A. Coxon, H. G. James, A. da Silva, C. U. Stuart, T. G. Williamson, E. George, C. D. Bottomley, and Douglas Jones (Acting Secretary).

The Chairman said the meeting was of a very formal character, and did not require any remarks from him. He would therefore simply put the resolution, which was proposed by himself and seconded by Mr. Hopkiss.
"A show of hands resulted in the resolution being carried *unanimously*.
An expression of thanks from the Chairman for the attendance of the shareholders present, brought the meeting to a close.

THE MASONIC BALL.

A numerously attended meeting of the General Committee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements for the grand ball to be given under masonic auspices in celebration of the anniversary of St. John's Day, Dr. W. Stanley Adams, on the proposal of Mr. J. T. Chater, was unanimously voted to the chair. The Chairman commenced business by proposing that Mr. E. Mackean be appointed Secretary to the General Committee, which was unanimously agreed to. The circular issued by the Board of General Purposes, in which it was stated that the District Grand Lodge had decided to celebrate St. John's Day with a ball in conjunction with the other lodges in the district, and inviting their co-operation, was read. The following brethren of the General Committee were then elected to serve on the various sub-committees:—Deacons: Messrs. W. Danby (Chairman), J. S. Cox, Dalton, Sayle, H. E. Denison, R. K. Leigh, Lieut. J. W. Halliwell, R. C. Ford, W. Hynes, E. Hart, S. W. Wright, J. S. Brewer, and C. L. Gorham. Invitation, Music, and Ceremony: Captain W. M. Deane, (Chairman), Dr. W. S. Adams, Dr. Ayres, and Messrs. P. A. da Costa, E. George, W. H. Ray, and Captain Newnham-Davis. Supper and Wines: Messrs. W. K. Hughes, (Chairman), J. T. Chater, L. Mallory, T. N. Driscoll, H. C. James, R. Fraser-Smith, W. M. L. Arthur, E. C. Smith, and E. U. Smith. The whole of these committees to have power to add to their number should occasion require. It was then proposed and carried that the subscription be fixed at \$10, with \$5 for each non-masonic guest, a discretionary power as to masonic guests being left in the hands of the Invitation Committee. After some discussion as to a suitable date, it was proposed by Mr. W. Danby, and seconded by Mr. Fraser-Smith, that "the ball be held on Thursday, the 15th January," which was unanimously agreed to. The meeting was then adjourned *sine die*.

SWATOW.

There were 28 vessels in Swatow harbour on the 27th instant, of which were merchant steamers and 2 men-of-war, viz: H. I. G. M. S. *Elizabeth* and the Revenue Cutter *Ling Feng*. Meteorological report: the thermometer on the 27th instant registered 68° at 4-30 a.m., and on the 26th and 27th at 6 a.m. 50° with cold North wind and clear sky.

I learn that a claim was made by the German Vice Consul for the Customs frontier, and that the German Frigate *Elisabeth* had sent a great number of armed men ashore to guard the property claimed, on which a German flag has been planted. The Chinese Magistrate arrived about noon, but from what I can learn he was afraid to go amongst them, so he has deputed an officer from the Customs to settle the best way he can. It is stated that the Magistrate is anti-foreign to the backbone.

The band of the German Frigate *Elisabeth*, now in port, comes on shore occasionally, and plays various selections of music in the beautiful garden attached to the German Vice Consulate. The Regatta took place on the 30th ult. The R. C. *Ling Feng* acted as Flagship, she was handsomely decorated with flags and evergreens; there were about 400 persons on board of her. The first race took place at noon, and at 1-30 p.m. the company adjourned to the Swatow Club for dinner. The races were finished at 4-30 p.m. The Regatta Ball was postponed until this evening at 9 o'clock.

It is rumoured that the dispute about the piece of land claimed by the German Consul has been referred to Peking, but the services from the *Elisabeth* are still guarding the German flag planted thereon.—Amoy *Gazette* Correspondent.

She asked the clerk if he was positive—thoroughly convinced, that the eggs were fresh. "Oh, yes," said the young philosopher. "I know they are; why, the farmer said some of his hens were more than a year old." She bought a basketful on the spot.

Law professor: "What constitutes burglary?" Student: "There must be a breaking." Professor: "Then if a man enters your house and takes \$5 from your vest-pocket in the hall, would that be burglary?" Student: "Yes, sir, because that would break me."

A GREAT ACTOR.

Herr Bandmann is one of the greatest actors of modern times—in his own opinion. But, unfortunately, his opinion by no means coincides with that of a large number of the persons who are called upon to criticise his performances. Recently, he threatened to employ, on one of those disagreeable trips who consider him a histrionic fool, physical expostulation, but as the rash being whom he addressed did not appear at all alarmed, he seems to have abandoned his terrible designs. Instead of kicking anybody, or acting in such a way as to show that the difference between a great actor and a pugilistic oster is not so great as would appear at first sight, he has taken up that mighty weapon, the pen. "From our early childhood," he observes, "we begin to criticise our playmates, toys, and dresses. We tell our parents and teachers that we do not like Tommy, Susan, or Mary, because we do not agree, or they object to play with us; and when we grow into boyhood and girlhood we become still more critical and find greater difficulty as to our likings and dislikes." The growth of the critical tendency having been traced, Herr Bandmann draws a comparison between Hamlet, "the beneficent connoisseur," and Iago, "the malevolent caviller," and thus delivers his judgment on the critic. "Here," he remarks, "we find all the difficulties of the brain and heart combined, but it is rarely we come across a true critic." The "unjust critic" is described as "a nincompoop, who, with a dunce's cap covering his shallow brain, sits upon the foils throne, and, in a feeble hand, imitates Touchstone with borrowed quips and sparks, and paper bullets of pilfered imagination." On the other hand, he speaks of the "just and truthful critic" as "an impregnable armour," and as "a rock." A large number of the daring mortals, however, who have presumed to question the greatness of this great critic of critics not only survive, but contrive to wonder how it is that Herr Bandmann's friends do not persuade him from writing about his kindred. It may, of course, be requisite for him to express his feelings in some way, but surely it is not absolutely necessary that he should print his ravings?—*Birkenhead News*.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. and O. steamer *Oceanic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on Sunday, the 3rd instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 9th instant.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Albion*, with the next English mail, left Singapore on Sunday, the 3rd instant, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 9th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenfalloch* left Singapore on the 5th instant, and is due here on or about the 12th.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Sarpedon* left Singapore on the evening of the 4th instant, and is due here on or about the 12th.

The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Achilles* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 6th instant, and is due here on or about the 14th.

The N. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Camelia* left Batavia on the 1st instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 17th.

"THANKS-STREET INDUSTRIES," by Percy Russell. This illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOSWELL & Co., London.—[ADVT.]

Today's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
THE British Steamer

"REMUS."
Captain Fryer, will be despatched as above, TO-DAY, the 8th instant, at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HONGKONG, 6th December, 1882. [799]

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
THE Steamship

"ESMERALDA."
Captain Talbot, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 11th inst., at FIVE P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HONGKONG, 8th December, 1882. [800]

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Notice No. 785 appearing in the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" of the first day of December, 1882, stating that I had purchased the Business of Messrs. DE SOUZA & Co., and would carry on the same under the same Name, the said Notice is WITHDRAWN; and I now give Notice that the Purchase has not been carried out, and that I am not in any way interested in the said Business.

(Signed) F. D. GUEDES.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1882. [801]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, under Bill of Sale, on

WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of December, 1882, at 11 a.m., at his Office, No. 39, Wellington Street, Hongkong, THE GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE AND FIXTURES, OF THE FIRM OF
MESSRS. DE SOUZA & Co., PRINTERS, &c., OF HONGKONG.

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1882. [802]

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above Advertisement of Sale I have THIS DAY placed Mr. S. A. MARCAL, in charge of the said Business which will be carried on until further notice.

J. M. GUEDES, Attorney for
P. N. DA SILVA, of MACAO.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1882. [803]

WANTED TO RENT.

FROM THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER UNTIL MARCH.

FURNISHED FAMILY RESIDENCE, IN A HEALTHY SITUATION, with GARDEN, STABLE, AND COACH HOUSE. Full Particulars to be sent to
E. B. [Name],
Hongkong Telegraph Office,
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1882. [668]

Intimations.

CHRISTMAS, 1882.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW ON VIEW A VERY CHOICE SELECTION OF PRESENTS AND TABLE DELICACIES FROM THE BEST LONDON, PARIS, AND NEW YORK HOUSES, COMPRISING—

Perfume Caskets in oak, onyx and mosaic.
Writing Sets in onyx and nickel plated.
Ladies' Dressing Cases and Cabinets, handsomely lined and fitted.
Vases and Table ornaments of the newest patterns.
Albums and Photograph frames in great variety.
Glove and Handkerchief Sets.
Ladies' Work Bags and Baskets, fitted.
Grog Baskets.
Handsome Cigar and Cigarette Cases and Boxes.
Dresden Figures.
Handsome boxes filled with Bonbons.
This Season's Gift Books.
Electro Plated Epergnes and Centre Pieces.
Tea and Coffee Services in new styles.
Handsome Corner and Wall Mirrors.
Novelties in China wall Flower Baskets.
The latest Electric Lamps.
Menu and Dinner Cards.

A VERY CHOICE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT OF TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. Comprising—
Drums, Cymbals and other musical instruments.
Railway Trains with rails.
Rocking and Hobby Horses.
India-rubber Balls and other Toys.
Cubes and Mosaic Building Sets.
Children's Tea and Tete a Tete Sets.
Dolls Dressed and speaking and moving.
Alphabetical Blocks.
Mules, Dogs, Elephants, Horses.
Boys' Tools Chests.
The Bicycle Race.
Perambulators.
Automatic Chariots and Wagons.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

Comprising—
Christmas Cakes.
Mince Meat.
Plum Puddings 3lbs. to 6lbs.
Christmas Cakes 4lbs. to 12lbs.
Choice French Plum.
Dessert Fruits in Noyeau and Brandy.
Jordan Almonds.
Pudding Raisins.
Zante Currants.
Sultana Cheese.
Cheddar Cheese.
Russian Caviare.
Assorted Patés.
Tunny Fish.
Spiced Ox Tongues.
Smoked Ox Tongues.
Ox Tongues in Jelly.
Collared Ox Tongues.
Pic Nic Tongues.
Lemon Barley Sugar.
Assorted Choice French Bonbons.
Crystallized and Meir Fruits.

A LARGE STOCK OF WINES OF THE BEST BRANDS AND AT VERY MODERATE PRICES.

Comprising—
Saccione's and Cutler, Palmer & Co.'s Sherries, from \$8 to \$19.
Very Choice Pure Port, direct from Oporto, \$12.
A Delicious White Port, very delicate and Soft, \$13.
Chamberlain, \$16.
Krug's Private Cuvée Champagne.

The Newest Cosques and Table Crackers, of most aesthetic colours, and in variety and novelty of design far surpassing the assortment of former years.
Hongkong, and December, 1882. [790]

J. ULLMANN & CO.

42, QUEEN'S ROAD.
HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES AND CHRONOMETERS, CLOCKS OF ALL KINDS, BAROMETERS, THERMOMETERS, ANEROIDS, SPECTACLES, EYE-GLASSES, &c., &c., &c.
GENTLEMEN'S PARISIAN MADE SHIRTS, SCARVES, AND COLLARS IN THE NEWEST STYLES.
FRENCH BOOTS AND SHOES OF BEST QUALITY.
MEERSCHAUM PIPES, CIGAR CASES AND HOLDERS, ALBUMS, INKSTANDS, POCKET-BOOKS.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STATIONERY.
CROCKERY-WARE, TEA AND COFFEE SETS, RIFLES, FOWLING PIECES, AND REVOLVERS.
A CHOICE SELECTION OF PINAUD'S BEST PERFUMERY.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [666]

Intimations.

WANTED AT ONCE.
A FEW GOOD COMPOSITORS.
Apply at
THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
J. DA ROZA'S HAIR CUTTING SALOON
HAS BEEN REMOVED TO
No. 27, POTTINGER STREET.

HAIR-CUTTING in the latest Fashion, Shaving, Shampooing, &c., by experienced artists, and at LOW RATES.

RAZORS CAREFULLY RE-SET.
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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1882. [774]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND.

L. MALLORY, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [495]

WILLIAM SCHMIDT & CO. GUNMAKERS & AMMUNITION DEALERS.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE.
Arms, Ammunition, and Regulators of every description.

Arms Repaired, Cleaned, or Converted at moderate charges.

Sporting Guns and Ammunition always on hand.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKET REPORTS.
Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed at low rates; Workmanship Guaranteed.
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [182]

Intimations.

J. M. GUEDES.
HOUSE AND LAND BROKER, AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION AGENT.
No. 33, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [62]

MR. A. HAHN'S DANCING CLASSES.

HAVE BEEN OPENED.
T H I S D A Y.
For Terms, &c., apply to
A. HAHN.
No. 8, Beaconsfield Arcade.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1882. [722]

INTERNATIONAL NOVELTY COMPANY.

KOOLANGSOO, AMOY, (CHINA).

IMPORTERS OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NOVELTIES.

EMILE PFANKUCHEN, Manager.
Amoy, 22nd August, 1882. [597]

DE SOUZA & CO. PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND BOOKBINDERS.

D'AQUILA STREET.
EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH ON VERY MODERATE TERMS.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed at low rates; Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1882. [182]

For Sale.

C. L. THEVENIN.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.
HONGKONG HOTEL BUILDINGS.
HAS FOR SALE.

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF WHITE AND RED BURGUNDIES AT MODERATE PRICES.
A Capital AMONTILLADO SHERRY.
Assorted LIQUEURS of the best quality.
BON BONS, FRENCH PRESERVES, FRESH BUTTER and CHEESE by Every French Mail, PERFUMERY, &c., &c.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [664]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

SHIPHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS, PRAYA CENTRAL.

HAVE RECEIVED EX LATEST ARRIVALS.

AMERICAN CAST STEEL SHOVELS.

PICKS. AXES.

HATCHETS. ENGINEERS' & HOUSEHOLD HAMMERS.

PATENT BIT-BRACES. AUGER-BITS.

D R I L L S.

GIMBLETS. PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. POTT'S PATENT SADIrons. COOKING STOVES.

FAIRBANK'S SCALE. FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS USE.

DRILLING MACHINES. BREAST DRILLS, AUTOM. BORING TOOLS.

ANVILS, VICES, AND DRILLS COMBINED. ANVILS.

VICES. HITCHCOCK'S PATENT LAMPS.

GLASS CUTTERS. SCROLL SAWS.

FAMILY GRINDSTONES. BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWES.

&c., &c., &c.

BEST WHITWORTH'S STOCK AND DIES. SCREW WRENCHES.

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SALTER'S SPRING BALANCE SCALES. WESTON'S PATENT TACKLES.

PATENT SOCKETS. DISTRESS SIGNALS.

HOLMES' PATENT SIGNAL LIGHTS. FOGHORNS.

SIGNAL LAMPS. LIFE BUOYS.

LIFE BELTS. BOTTLE WASHING AND CORKING MACHINES.

&c., &c., &c.

SPARKLING SCHARZHOFFERGER.

FLENSBURG STOCKBEER.

MARIENTHALER BEER.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN CHAMPAGNE.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [680]

THE CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE.

HAS FOR SALE.

CIGARS of all Brands, Imperiales, Caballeros, Viqueiros, Regalias, Londres, Nuevo Habanos of all makes, quality guaranteed. TOBACCOS of all Brands, at moderate prices. FANCY GOODS from the Parisian markets, Meerschaum Pipes, Jewellery of Choice Designs. Sun Hats, &c., &c.; Commissions Executed.

JOSE M. BASA.
No. 51, B. QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [597]

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HIGH STANDARD SUGAR. Manufactured by the LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, at MANILA; in Quantities to suit Purchasers. This Sugar can be specially recommended for family use, as it is made without the use of animal charcoal or sulphuric acid. Fresh supplies will be received from Manila every fortnight.

TAI YUNE.
Compradore, 2 Eastern Avenue, Central Market.
Hongkong, 20th November, 1882. [762]

D. K. GRIFFITH.

MANUFACTURER OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS.

7, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, (Opposite the City Hall)

Having Purchased the entire Machinery of the late Mr. B. CHARTERIS.

SODA WATER FACTORY.

is now prepared to execute the largest orders for every description of Aerated Waters with promptness and despatch.

SUPERIOR QUALITY.

I S G U A R A N T E E D.

Consumers are invited to try these carefully Manufactured

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Intimations.

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Verunkene Welten Waldmüller.
Die Sommers Ausgren.
Un ein Herz Spielhagen.
Quisiana Werper.
Gesprengte Fesseln Tels.
Die Weiße Frau von Greifenstein Marill.
Goldelc Marill.
Die Hand der Nemesis König.
Belle No. 7 Bacone.
Die Sturmhexe Keyserling.
Das Kind Bagazzo's König.
Die Junge Frau Wauchenhusen.
Das Hans Hille Max Ring.
Der Wildsch Gerstaecker.
Die Geschmister Freytag.
Reichsgräfin Gisela Marill.
Aus einer Kleinen Stadt Freytag.
Um Ehre und Leben König.
Im Schillingshof Marill.
Marcus König Freytag.
Das Grosse Loos König.
Der Doppelgänger Schücking.
Hans und Grete Spilligen.
Die Schönen Amerikanerinnen Spilligen.
Bewegte Beiden Alexandrowitch.
Der Kaiser Ebers.
Gartenlaubenblumen Werner.
Die Würger von Paris Tacano.
Im Paradies Heyse.
Auf der Bahn des Verbrechens König.
In beiden Hemisphären Werner.
Vinea Marill.
Antoniana Marg Marill.
Das Hans Hille Ring.
Der Verlobte Wauchenhusen.
Der Heideck Widder.
Auf der Rummingsburg Widder.
Vater und Sohn Lewald.
Glück Auf Werner.
Der Diamantschleifer Rosenthal-Bonh.
Eine Frage Ebers.
Bur Ehre Gottes Masoch.
Mein Onkel Don Juan Hopfen.
Gelebt und Gelitten Wauchenhusen.
Kinder der Welt Heyse.
Brigitte Marill.
Das Geheimnis der alten Mame Marill.
Bischof und König Tenger.
Die Eichofs Reichenbach.
Barfussel Huerbach.
Frühlingsboten Werner.
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COOTE AND TINNEY'S DANCE ALBUM, FOR CHRISTMAS, 1882-3.

PRICE FORTY CENTS.

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KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.
Hongkong, and December, 1882. [559]

F. D. GUEDES.

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